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1. Beginning 12 October 1953 four officials at a time of each main department of the State Committee for Material Procurement were detailed to work in the potato harvest in Diepensee near Koerigswusterhausen. The reason given for this action is that farmers and machinery are not available in sufficient numbers to do the harvesting.
2. The majority of the work is being done by employees of the ABUS-Schwermaschinenbauwerke Heinrich Rau, Wildau. Approximately 60 men of this factory have been detailed to do harvesting work because they cannot be fully employed in the plant. The agricultural cooperatives refused to pay the wages of the workers from the factory in Wildau.
3. Most of the members of the agricultural cooperatives intend to give up their membership because in comparison to free farmers, their work is too hard and their wages too low.

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